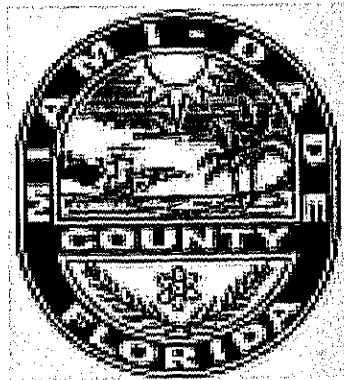


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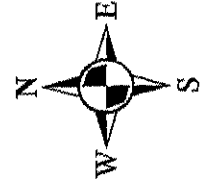
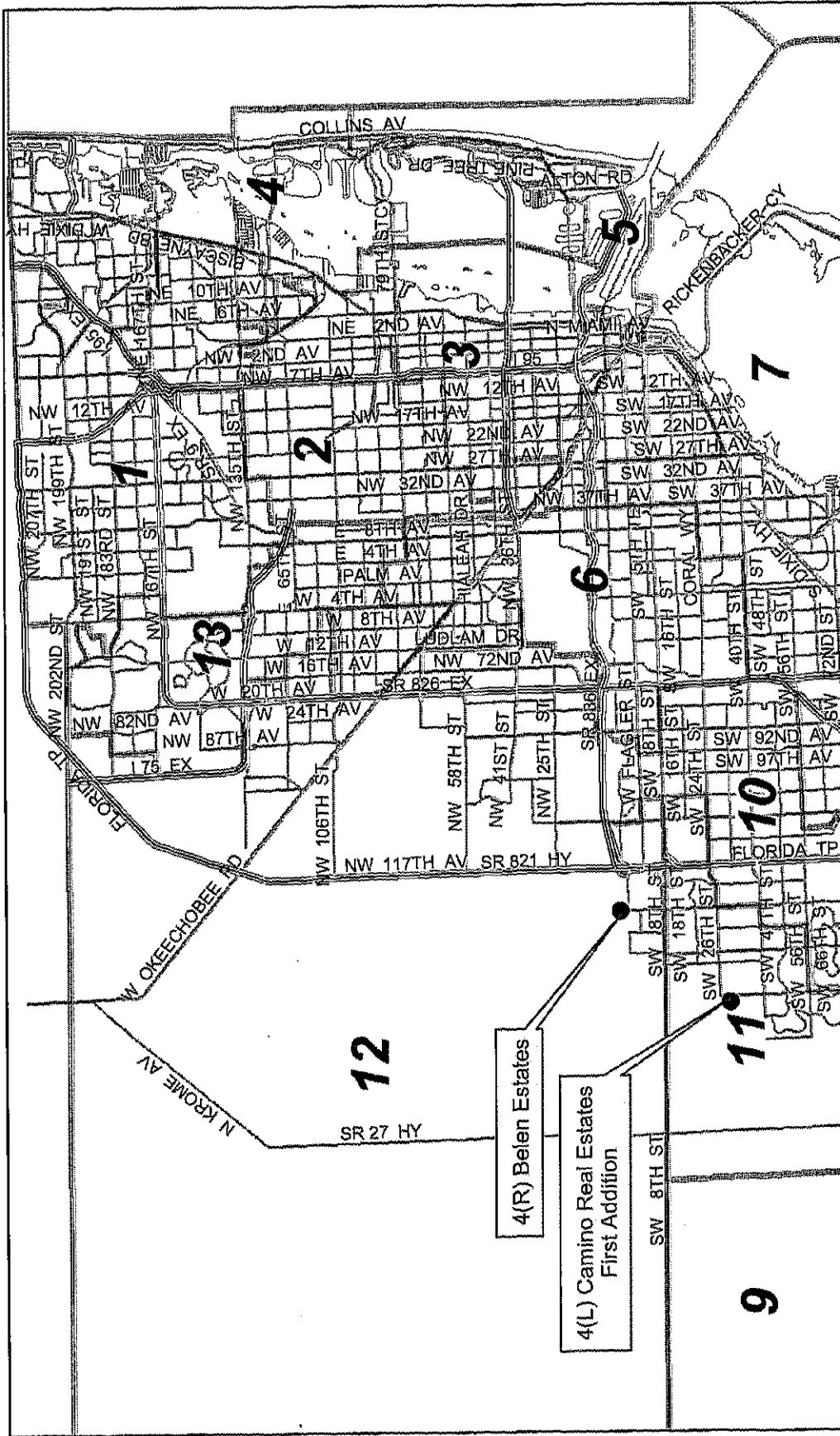


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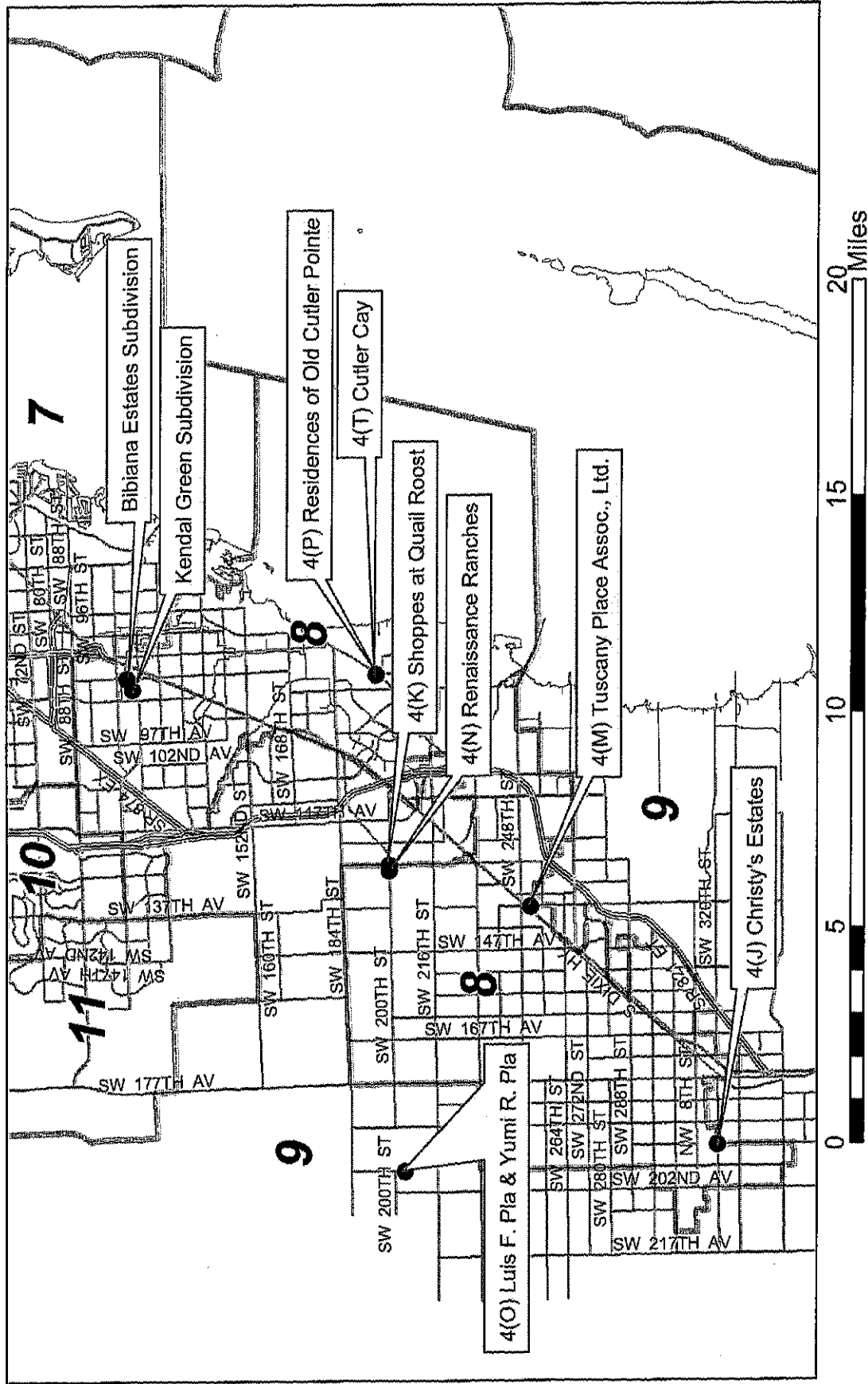
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RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR 7TH AVE CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT [SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 4H AND 4I]

Office of Community and Economic Development

RESOLUTION APPROVING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN REGARDING CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY INTERSTATE 95 (I-95); BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY THE CITY OF MIAMI; BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE WESTERNMOST PROPERTY LINES OF ALL THOSE PARCELS OF LAND THAT ABUT THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NW 7TH AVENUE FROM THE CITY OF MIAMI TO NW 119TH STREET; AND BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY NW 119TH STREET [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 041405] [SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 4(G) & 4(I)]

Office of Community and Economic Development

ORDINANCE RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF THE 7TH AVENUE CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA GENERALLY BOUNDED BY 119TH STREET ON THE NORTH, CITY OF MIAMI 79TH STREET ON THE SOUTH, INTERSTATE 95 (I-95) ON THE EAST AND NW 7TH AVENUE ON THE WEST; ESTABLISHING REDEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND CALCULATION OF INCREMENT FOR DEPOSIT INTO FUND; SETTING FORTH OBLIGATION TO APPROPRIATE TO FUND AND DURATION OF OBLIGATION; PROVIDING FOR LIMITED COUNTY APPROVAL OF DEBT; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RECORDS AND RIGHT OF AUDIT; PROVIDING FINDING OF PUBLIC PURPOSE; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 4(G) & 4(H)]

Office of Community and Economic Development

I. SUMMARY

- On March 16, 2004 the Board established the boundaries of the 7th Avenue Redevelopment Area.
- Item 4G appoints the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners as the initial community redevelopment agency ("CRA") for the 7th Ave Corridor Redevelopment District.
- Item 4H approves the Redevelopment Plan.
- Ordinance 4I established the CRA Trust Fund.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

There are eight Community Redevelopment Agencies in the County.

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III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

Item 4I requires the Board to commit a rate of County's Portion of Tax Increment Funds (TIF) for a period of up to 30 years. The rate can be between 50 and 95%. The Manager is recommending the 95% rate which will provide an estimated \$101 million to the CRA

Item 4H is the Redevelopment Plan to be approved which has a project estimate of approximately \$100 million.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

At a rate of 95% of the County's TIF, the CRA would have projected revenues of \$101,964,280 over 30 years. The 95% rate is what is suggested in the Redevelopment Plan.

If the rate were 50%, the CRA would have about \$53,665,410 over 30 years which is less than the revenues used in the plan. Any rate below 95% would require reevaluation of the Redevelopment Plan.

There may be other financing options available to the CRA which may later be included in the Plan.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

All of the County's CRAs are at a rate of 95% except for the South Miami CRA which is at 50%.

The proposed Auto Mall and other construction in the CRA is expected to be in excess of \$100,000,000.

If the Board elects a rate lower than 95%, the scope of the project would have to be reevaluated.

The BCC would be the initial CRA, which is required so that the plan be approved prior to June 30th so the CRA may begin to receive the Tax Increment Financing.

The BCC must pass item 4G then convene as the CRA to approve item 4H adjourn and reconvene as the BCC and pass 4I.

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RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-472-00 AND RESOLUTION NO. R-302-04, TO PROVIDE THAT CLAIMS PAYING ABILITY RATING, AND FINANCIAL STRENGTH RATING, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE GUARANTOR OF THE OBLIGATION OF RICE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS COMPANY AS COUNTERPARTY TO THE COUNTY UNDER CERTAIN INTEREST RATE SWAPS MUST BE AAA FROM STANDARD & POOR RATINGS SERVICE AND AAA FROM MOODY'S INVESTOR SERVICE, INC. AND TO REVISE THE FINANCIAL TERMS OF THE NEW INTEREST RATE SWAPS

I. SUMMARY

This resolution amends the minimum ratings necessary of the guarantor for Rice Financial Products Company. It also eliminates the upfront payment and increases the minimum acceptable constant.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

On May 9, 2000, the County entered into two interest rate swaps with Rice Financial Products Company. Since entering this agreement, the County has realized debt service savings of approximately \$16 million. On March 16, 2004 at the request of Rice Financial Products Company, the Board passed a resolution increasing the notional amount of the Swaps.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This resolution will change the minimum credit ratings required for AMBAC, the guarantor of the Counterparty. The current agreement requires that AMBAC maintain a rating of no less than AAA from S&P and Aaa from Moody's as to the senior long term debt obligations credit ratings. The County has been informed AMBAC does not have senior long term debt obligation ratings. They do however have an S&P AAA rating for its claim paying ability and a Moody's Aaa rating for its financial strength. In light of this, the agreement will be amended to now require that the guarantor of the counterparty in the swaps have a claim paying ability of AAA from S&P and a financial strength rating of not less than Aaa from Moody's at the time of closing of the increased swap transaction. The current agreement also requires an upfront payment of at least \$5,000,000 and a reduced constant of no less than 1.50%. The payment is no longer feasible due to a change in the guarantor's business practices. To account for this the constant shall be priced at market as determined by Swap Financial Group LLC, the Counties financial advisor, but no less than 1.65343%.

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IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The County will no longer be receiving a \$5,000,000 upfront payment as stipulated in the current agreement. To offset this, the constant will be increased to no lower than 1.65343%. At current rates, this increase in the constant equates to the County receiving an additional \$8.9 million in present day dollars over the life of this agreement.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE PARKS FOUNDATION, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

I. SUMMARY

This resolution approves an agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Parks Foundation, Inc., a not for profit corporation.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

On May 20, 2003, the Board approved an agreement similar to this one between Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade Public Library Foundation, Inc. where the Miami-Dade Public Library Foundation, Inc. was created to act as the fundraising arm of the Miami-Dade Public Library System.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This agreement formalizes a public-private partnership between the County and the Parks Foundation, Inc., which will serve as a fundraising arm of the Parks Department for major capital improvements and cultural projects. The Parks Foundation will look for funding sources to help support the costs of providing quality park facilities and services. The Parks Department came up with this plan by researching the way other Parks Departments around the country were handling similar events. Founding Board members include Dick Anderson, Dean Colson, Nancy Liebman, Jorge Lopez and Sergio Pino.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

This item will have a positive fiscal impact to the County since the Parks Foundation will be actively raising funds for the Parks Department.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDS AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. TWO TO THE CONTRACT WITH MARILU CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2 (QNIP-2) SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 5

Public Works Department

I. SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes the waiver of the competitive bidding process and seeks the approval of retroactive Change Order No. Two between **Marilu Construction, Inc.** and Miami-Dade County.

Originally, there were six contracts identical to this change order that were awarded to four different contractors. According to Public Works Department (PWD), **Marilu Construction, Inc.** was one of firms to accept a capacity increase and maintain the original contract cement prices.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Marilu Construction, Inc. was awarded Project No. 629544 for the construction or repair of sidewalks throughout Miami-Dade County. The firm was awarded this project with an option to extend the contract for an additional calendar year on February 26, 2003.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATIONS

The reason for Change Order No. Two is to increase the contract amount by \$350,000 and extend the contract completion date until June 28, 2004. According to (PWD), increasing the contract amount should provide enough funding to address previous commitments involving sidewalk construction requests.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The original contract amount was agreed upon by (PWD) to be:

<u>Marilu's bid amount:</u>	<u>\$817,350</u>
Original Contract Amount:	\$1,000,000
Change Order No. One:	\$150,000
<u>Change Order No. Two:</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
Adjusted Contract Amount:	\$1,500,000
Total percentage increase from original contract:	(+) 50.00%

Why wasn't this contract expedited through a (QNIP) Expedite Ordinance program?

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Is the Department of Business Development (DBD) doing enough to formulate and implement strategies to encourage minority-owned businesses participate in our local economy?

- As Miami-Dade County continues to transform into a minority-owned business Mecca, there may be a lack of adopting progressive policy reforms and programs to encourage minority-owned businesses participate in major capital projects.
- An article in the *Miami Herald*, published on May 12, 2004 stated, "Despite the strides achieved in government, the black business sector continues to lag behind in clout and growth. Few businesses have emerged, although the county and the city initiated better financing packages and technical assistance for struggling or new firms."

Regarding the construction policies and procedures from final bid award to final acceptance and payments on a construction project:

- Some commissioners have expressed the need to set new safeguards to improve the oversight process of construction projects. Specifically, staff should set stricter means to control quality and costs and reinforce contractual obligations for existing/new contracts.

Because firms with existing County contracts blame their delays on unforeseen circumstances, omission errors and design errors, staff should refocus on the contractors original work schedule and cost estimations. This should enable staff to hold contractors accountable for their quality of work and curb the increase in total cost with change order requests. However, in certain circumstances, it is not possible to anticipate additional conditions when bidding construction projects.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDS AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. TWO TO THE CONTRACT WITH METRO EXPRESS, INC., FOR QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2 (QNIP-2) SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Public Works Department

I. SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes the waiver of the competitive bidding process and seeks the approval of retroactive Change Order No. Two between **Metro Express, Inc.** and Miami-Dade County.

Originally, there were six contracts identical to this change order that were awarded to four different contractors. According to Public Works Department (PWD), **Metro Express, Inc.** was one of firms to accept a capacity increase and maintain the original contract cement prices.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Metro Express, Inc. was awarded Project No. 630227 for the construction or repair of sidewalks throughout Miami-Dade County. The firm was awarded this project with an option to extend the contract for an additional calendar year on September 17, 2003.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATIONS

The reason for Change Order No. Two is to increase the contract amount by \$350,000 to address sidewalk construction and repairs and extend the contract completion date until September 22, 2004. Increasing the contract amount should provide enough funding to address previous commitments involving sidewalk construction requests.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The original contract amount was agreed upon by (PWD) to be:

<u>Metro's bid amount:</u>	<u>\$847,142</u>
Original Contract Amount:	\$1,100,000
Change Order No. One:	\$165,000
<u>Change Order No. Two:</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
Adjusted Contract Amount:	\$1,615,000
Total percentage increase from original contract:	(+) 47.00%

Why wasn't this contract expedited through a (QNIP) Expedite Ordinance program?

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO EMERGING MAJORITIES MARKETING, INC. TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR COMMISSIONER JOE A. MARTINEZ HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARENESS EXPO

County Manager

I. SUMMARY

This proposed resolution would waive competitive bidding to award a contract to Emerging Majorities Marketing, Inc. to manage services for Commissioner Joe A. Martinez' Health and Safety Awareness Expo in September 2004 at the Fair Expo Center adjacent to Tamiami Park.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

This is follow-on to the health and safety expo that Commissioner Martinez organized last year using his own staff to manage the event.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

The health and safety expo fair's intent is to improve the health and safety of the community by providing free health screenings and other information to the areas' residents, particularly those who cannot afford to obtain routine preventive health care.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The management company will pay the County 20% of its profits, if any, from managing the event. Its profits will be generated by revenue from fees paid by businesses at the expo.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

A press release about last year's expo described it as follows.

(Miami-Dade County, FL) -- On Saturday, August 30, 2003, Commissioner Martinez will host the inaugural "Joe A. Martinez Health & Safety Awareness Fair" at the Miami-Dade County Fair and Expo Center. A variety of healthcare vendors will be on hand to provide free services including immunizations safety awareness tips for school children, fingerprinting for children and the elderly, car seat installation and tips on securing your home. Commissioner Martinez is sponsoring the Fair to help provide vital health and safety services to some of the 450,000 uninsured residents in Miami-Dade County who otherwise may not have access to these services.

Elderly fingerprinting, one of the free services being offered at the fair, is now provided by the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department. The elderly fingerprinting concept was conceived about two months ago by Miami-Dade County Fire Chief Natasha Rogers as a tool

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to help provide medical facilities and law enforcement officials with important information about seniors age 65 and older or people with mental disorders.

In addition to the various exhibits and health screenings, there will be several demonstrations and performances by local organizations including Florida International University's Judo Team, Salsa aerobics by LA Fitness, Caliente Latin Mix by Gold's Gym, the Tamiami Optimist Club Cheerleaders and the Miami Heat's mascot Bernie will be available to sign autographs and take pictures.

The pre-Labor Day fair will also feature appearances by local dignitaries and representatives from radio stations, major hospitals and health organizations, fitness centers, and Black Entertainment Television's (BET) "Rap It Up" Campaign.

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REPORT RE: DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COST SHIFT

County Manager

I. SUMMARY

This is a report on a bill passed in the 2004 State Legislative Session (SB 2564) that, effective October 1, 2004, requires each county (except some rural counties which are "fiscally constrained" under 288.06565 F.S.) to assume the cost of pre-disposition detention of juvenile residents of the county. Estimated annual cost to Miami-Dade County is \$11.7 million. The Florida Association of Counties is considering legal options and is soliciting members' input.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Juvenile detention is now paid by the State of Florida.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

- The State will continue to pay for juveniles who are not residents of a Florida county.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) will determine how much each county is to pay.
- Payment of an estimated amount is due to DJJ at the beginning of each month, and actual expense will be reconciled quarterly.
- The State CFO "*shall withhold*" any funds a county may be due from the State if the county is submitting insufficient funds.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$11.7 million per year is DJJ's estimate for Miami-Dade County (handwritten p. 8).

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The "*state shall pay all costs of detention for juveniles for which a fiscally constrained county would otherwise be billed*" 985.2155(4) F.S. "*Fiscally constrained county means a county designated as a rural area of critical economic concern under s. 288.0656 for which the value of a mill in the county is no more than \$3 million*" 985.2155(1)(b) F.S. [The statute for the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI).] A memorandum is appended as Attachment #1 that designated which communities were designated "areas of critical economic concern" under the REDI program.

Attachment: #1 Executive Office of the Governor Office of Tourism Trade & Economic Development memorandum of January 28, 2004.

MEMORANDUM
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
OFFICE OF TOURISM TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DATE: January 28, 2004
TO: REDI Agencies
FROM: Mary Helen Blakeslee

SUBJECT: UPDATE!! Communities eligible for the S.288.06561, F.S., (HB 1225) waiver. UPDATE!!

On August 15, 2003, I issued the annual memo identifying the communities eligible for the waiver of match requirements provided by Section 288.06561, Florida Statutes. Since that time two additional communities from non-rural counties have applied for and received confirmation that they meeting the statutory criteria of experiencing at least three of the required factors of economic distress to greater degrees than the state as a whole. *These two communities are the Town of Century (Escambia County) and the Town of Hastings (St. Johns County).*

There have been no changes to the counties and communities listed as eligible in the August 15, 2003 memo. These counties and the incorporated municipalities within those counties continue to be eligible to request the waivers. In addition, the Cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County) and the Immokalee area (Collier County) designated as a federal Round II Enterprise Community are also eligible as they are part of the 2nd Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.

Baker***, Bradford***, Calhoun*, Columbia***, DeSoto**, Dixie***, Flagler, Franklin*, Gadsden*, Gilchrist***, Glades**, Gulf, Hamilton***, Hardee**, Hendry**, Highlands**, Holmes*, Jackson*, Jefferson***, Lafayette***, Levy***, Liberty*, Madison***, Nassau, Okeechobee**, Putnam***, Sumter, Suwannee***, Taylor***, Union***, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington*

* 1st Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
** 2nd Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
*** 3rd Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

Please note that this fiscal year Nassau County DOES meet the eligibility requirements as they have three of the distress factors at higher levels than the state as a whole.

Any other rural city in an urban county may apply for the waiver, but must submit information documenting economic distress at higher levels than the state as a whole.

Thank you for your assistance in implementing this waiver for rural areas and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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*BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES: 2004 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM
REPORT*

County Manager

I. SUMMARY

This is a report regarding the proposed Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB) Program. If authorized by the BCC and the voters, the proposed Bond Program would allow the County to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2.75 billion to finance infrastructure and quality of life improvements countywide and in municipalities. Up to three percent of interest earnings will cover administrative expenses.

The County Manager's main recommendations and the status of the public informational campaign are summarized as follows:

- A Preliminary Recommended List of Projects totaling \$2.60 billion¹ includes unmet needs identified by County departments and projects based on citizen input and BCC and Commissioner priorities. A number of requests from municipalities are currently under review for possible inclusion in the final list of eligible projects. A final list of projects will be before the Board for approval on the July 15, 2004 BCC agenda. Recommendations regarding construction timelines, project phasing, planning etc. will be developed over the summer. (see Manager's Attachment I)
- Of the total \$2.75 billion to be bonded, 10% of bonding capacity (\$260M net of bond issuance costs) would be reserved for neighborhood projects: half (or \$130 million) would be for projects in UMSA and the other half would be for projects in municipalities. Distribution of funds among municipalities would be based on a weighted formula of 75% population and 25% contribution to the tax roll (see Manager's Attachment II).
 - *Example.* Aventura is 2.71% of the total County population and the value of its tax roll is 5.6% of the total tax roll.
$$[(\% \text{ of population})(75\%) + (\% \text{ of tax roll})(25\%)] \times \text{Total Allocation} = \text{Proposed Allocation}$$
$$[(2.17\%)(75\%) + (5.6\%)(25\%)] \times \$130,000,000 = \$3,935,750$$
(not exact, due to rounding differences)
- If the GOB is approved by the voters, the County Manager recommends creation of an Advisory Committee to the BCC and the County Manager. The Advisory Committee would review the process for disbursement of bond proceeds, but any modification to the project list or construction schedule will be recommended by the County Manager, with input from the Committee, and ultimately approved by the BCC. A resolution detailing the administrative rules and management of the GOB program would be submitted to the BCC for approval.

¹The bond issue is for \$2.75B, but the total cost of issuance of the bonds is \$150,000,000. This cost will be spread out over all the projects.

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- Transparency of the GOB program would be achieved through regular reports, an interactive webpage tracking the progress of each project and annual audits. Quarterly "report cards" on the progress of the program will be published in the newspaper.
- To date, the County has met with all 34 cities and requested/received projects. Over 100 public meetings were held to educate the public, get public input and assess the level of support for the GOB. Forty-seven town hall meetings were held, with attendance varying from a few citizens to over 100 attendees. According to MGT of America (the consultant that facilitated these meetings), approx. 1,250 residents attended the meetings, but indicates that the actual number "likely was much larger" because attendees were not always documented or may not have signed in. According to staff, these public meetings, focus groups, and surveys have indicated generally positive support for the bond issue. The 47 town hall meetings held found that there was relatively more support for certain project areas (Preserving Our Resources, Neighborhood Improvements) versus other areas (Accessing Services, Creating and Retaining Jobs). The highest amount of support was for Arts, Culture and Recreation. (See MGT 2004 General Obligation Bond Program Town Hall Meetings and Public Outreach Results Summary, previously submitted to the BCC).
- A resolution, including specific ballot questions and authorizing the election will be on the July 13, 2004 BCC Agenda. If approved by the Board at that meeting, the ballot question will be on the Nov. 2, 2004 General Election.
- An extensive public informational campaign, modeled on that of recent successful initiatives, is planned, including radio, Public Service Announcements, mail, posters, and signage. Nearer to the election date, a speaker's bureau will be established and a phone bank (staffed with volunteers) will be used to contact voters.

II. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Major projects (\$50 million +) included in the preliminary list include:

- Purchase of development rights to maintain agricultural land \$50M (p. 2)
- Renovate the Orange Bowl \$50M (p. 3)
- Increase the number of affordable housing units and expand home ownership in District 12 \$77.7M (p. 5)
- New Miami Art Museum Facility \$100M (p. 8)
- New Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium/Historical Museum of Southern Florida \$175M (p. 8)
- Seaport Tunnel \$130M (p. 15)
- Renovation and expansion of Ambulatory Care Center at JMH. \$57M (p. 20)
- Renovation of the Miami Beach Convention Center \$55M (p. 23)

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- Construction of 3,500 new jail beds and support facilities at the Krome Detention Center. \$90M (p. 25)
- Renovations at the Pre-Trial Detention Center (PTDC) and Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center (TGK) \$57M (p. 25)
- Acquire or construct a regional court facility to serve the growing population of west Miami-Dade County in line with the master plan. \$50M (p. 25)

The County's Community Periodicals program should be used to place advertisements for the public informational campaign and later, if approved, "report cards" on the progress of the bond.

If the GOB is not approved by voters, have possible alternative funding sources for any of the specified projects been identified?

What polls/surveys have been conducted to gauge voters support on this issue and what are the results?

How much will the public informational campaign cost and how will it be funded?